Ship-breaking

2552. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French Ship, 'Clemenceau' with more than 500 tonnes of contaminated asbestos, bound for the ship breaking yard at Alang in Gujarat which left the French port on December 31, 2005, has reached the Indian ship breaking yard; if so, when;

(b) whether the contaminated asbestos has been disposed of; if so, how; and

(c) the number of discarded ships received for ship-breaking purposes during 2003-04 and 2005 and the amount and the nature of contaminated material that arrived the ship-breaking ports of India and the manner in which same was disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 375 and 256 discarded ships were received in India for ship-breaking purposes during 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

During ship-breaking activities while most of the materials recovered are recycled/reused, the waste generation is less than 1% of the weight of the ship. The nature of wastes generated during the process of ship-breaking are non-reactive and non-flamable which are mostly asbestos containing materials, paint chips etc. A list of waste generated is given in the Statement (*See* below). After due treatment like stabilization and volume reduction, the wastes are packed and transported to the authorized land filling sites. It is not possible to specify the amount of each type of contaminated material generated out of the broken ship as all the waste is disposed of collectively. About 90% of India's ship-breaking activity takes place at Alang. The amount of waste sent to the land filling site at Alang during 2003-04 and 2004-05 was 1254.144 MT and 1864.310 MT respectively.

Statement

List of waste generated during the process of ship-breaking

1. Asbestos
2. Glasswool
3. Rubber
4. Plastic waste
5. Chicken mesh
6. Rexins
7. Sludge residue
8. Cement tiles
9. Glass
10. Cardboard and Thermocol
11. Fibre glass
12. Iron scales.

SAIL as a mega PSU

2553. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government to make SAIL a mega PSU is receiving objection from smaller PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the PSUs, which have opposed this merger and the reasons for their opposition; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to go ahead with the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.